

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, maybe I don't understand, but it seems to me that the full Legislature acts on every appropriation bill. If it's part of an appropriation bill, ultimately, we would get a chance to vote on it, wouldn't we? I'm answering a question by asking another one, but it seems to me that....

SENATOR NEWELL: That is the same question. You're asking me the same question I'm asking you.

SPEAKER: Really I can't understand what it's all about because it seems to me that regardless of whether the Appropriations Committee approves it, we ultimately approve it as members of this Legislature anyway.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Lewis, would you stand for a question? Senator Lewis, a few moments ago you were so eloquent about the.... You spoke loudly. Is that verbose? Yes, that's the word... about the present procedure and why there was no need for the Kelly amendment. Is it your understanding that the present procedure then would...the Appropriations Committee would hear this bill, that they would automatically send it before the full Legislature to act on it?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Obviously, when they come in and the Game and Parks Commission comes to them with a proposal for the expenditure of the habitat fund, they would authorize the money according to the plan. I assume then it would be accompanied, on the floor, with the authorization to expend cash funds, they would send out a copy of the plan for perusal and review.

SENATOR NEWELL: In other words, you're saying the full Legislature would not have to vote?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: In eloquence I'm saying it this way, Senator Newell, they would submit to you how much cash was going to be expended in that program, and then they would show you how they had approved that cash being spent.

SENATOR NEWELL: Alright, let me ask you one more question, and I'll let anybody who understands...who has the answer for this answer it. Let me specify. Let's say Lewis or Senator Reutzel, and that question is, does, under the fund, the way it is presently set up, the Game and Parks Division have control of that money, but can only expend it when the Appropriations Committee authorizes them to do so?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: They can only expend the money once the Legislature authorizes to do so through the appropriations process. They would build up a justification with the Appropriations Committee, just like the University of Nebraska does. The Appropriations Committee certainly has more information than we have, because if we got down to this particular bill and you wanted the Legislature to approve the plan of acquisition of, a rent-lease basis, of 47 acres in Cass County, or 65 acres in Box Butte County you'd have a hell of a problem.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, let me ask you this question, the only difference between the Kelly amendment and what is presently in the bill is that the full Legislature will be allowed to vote on the final appropriations. Is that correct? Is that your understanding, Senator Lewis?